

Senator Labedz, on the Lindsay amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I should have called the question but I do want to rise and say that I support Senator Lindsay's amendment and I do have another letter from one of the judges that sent his reply to Senator Bernard-Stevens. And he was asked number, question number one, is it a workable process? He said, yes. And then he said, can it be completed in three days? And he said five days would be more realistic. So I am supporting Senator Lindsay's. He said that...is that a reasonable time frame that would not cause undo stress? That was one of the questions in Senator Bernard-Stevens' letter. And he said, yes, it is a reasonable time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Labedz. Senator Lindsay, your light is on, did you wish to discuss the amendment further? He waives off. Senator Rod Johnson, did you wish to discuss the Lindsay amendment? Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I have bitten my tongue on this issue for a large amount of this debate and that dates back for the last couple of years. But, as I have listened to the debate surrounding this particular judicial bypass issue, I tend to agree with what Senator Bernard-Stevens has said because I feel that the more time, at least the seven-day period, seems to be more reasonable in the areas of rural Nebraska than possibly five days or three days or four days, depending upon your viewpoint. But the fact...I have a brother who is a judge magistrate who works within the county court structure and I know that we get a visit in Clay County, for example, from a judge typically once a week, sometimes not, but most of the time at least once a week we'll get a visit. In those cases, I think, where the judge may not visit that week or be booked, I find that this may be a difficult process to make work and, I guess, I can see where we need some latitude in this law and, I guess, I'm going to vote against the Lindsay amendment and support the Bernard-Stevens amendment because, as I said, I feel it provides a greater latitude to those rural counties in particular that will have to deal with this question. I'm supportive of the bill. I'm supportive of the concept but I want to make sure that if we're going to have a parental notification law, with a judicial bypass structure in it, that it's workable not just for Omaha and Lincoln but for the rural areas of our state. And I'm going to support Senator